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## Recruits lost 450 pounds to join Corps

BY STAFF SGT. BOBBIE J. BRYANT  
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The desire to join the ranks of the few and the proud would lead them to Recruiting Station Los Angeles. With 450 pounds burned, and after years of self-discipline and determination, they would get their chances.

However, the opportunity alone does not make one a Marine. One would yield to injury; the other is still in training.

Gabriel A. Pina and William E. Villeda were faced with a daunting challenge long before they ever stepped onto the yellow footprints. The two young men lost a combined 450 pounds in order to take the oath of enlistment.

Pina, an Oxnard, Calif., native, enlisted in the Marine Corps after losing 300 pounds during his four years of high school. He lost the weight by adopting a Marine-like philosophy.

"When you want something bad enough, all you have to do is put your mind to it and do the work to make it happen," he said before shipping to boot camp.

Pina's unhealthy, overweight physique was the result of years of poor eating habits and lack of exercise. He said when he was younger he would eat three or four hamburgers a day, plus snacks. By the 7th grade, his unhealthy habits had taken him to nearly 200 pounds.

"That is when the kids really started to call me names and say things about my weight," he said. "I did not think much about it. I did not care and continued to eat whatever I wanted."

By the time Pina was a freshman, he was dangerously overweight at 500 pounds and 5 feet 11 inches tall.

"People would call me names," he said. "They would say lots of negative things to me and make jokes at my expense."

Tired of all the comments and problems his weight had created for

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William E. Villeda

## Cousin won't take freedom for granted

BY LANCE CPL. JESS LEVENS  
Chevron staff

They were inseparable. Born just one day apart, these small-town Minnesota boys were more than cousins; they were best friends. The Marine Corps brought them even closer, but war separated them forever.

Homemade punk music resounded through the small town of Kettle River, Minn., as the band, The Humbuckers, regularly practiced. Martin Langhorst sang and played lead guitar, and his cousin, Moises

Langhorst, sang and played rhythm guitar.

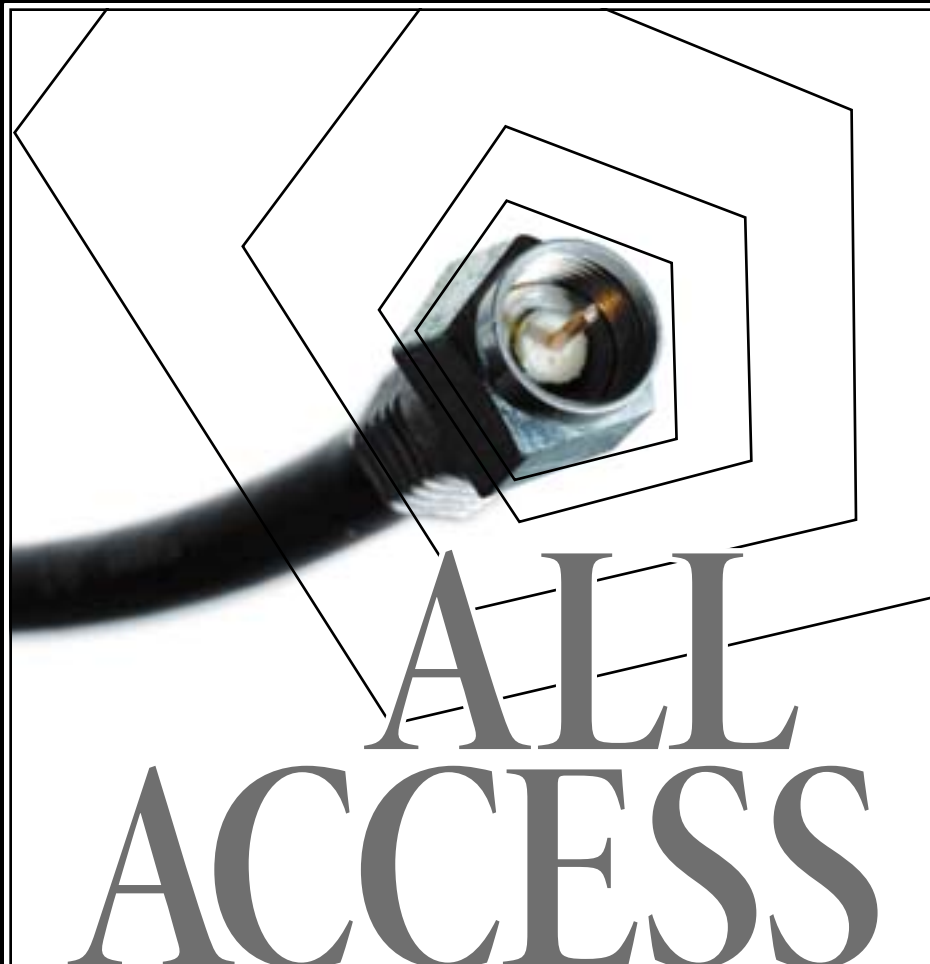
When they weren't practicing or making plans for the band, they were in the woods hunting for small game. They did almost everything together, according to Martin.

"When we were teenagers, it was all about the band," said Martin. "We got a little older, and it started to become more about the Marine Corps. Moises especially wanted to join. He even painted his (sport utility vehicle) camouflage."

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PFC Moises Langhorst



## ALL ACCESS

**DoD launches Pentagon Channel on Armed Forces Day**

BY PAUL STONE  
Special to American Forces Press Service

The Pentagon Channel, the Defense Department's news and information television service, officially launched May 14 with a live broadcast from the Armed Forces Day opening ceremony at Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

The Pentagon Channel, which previously existed as an information channel within the Pentagon, will now be distributed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to all military installations in the United States via domestic satellite, and overseas through the American Forces Radio and Television Service.

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Internal Communications Allison Barber described Armed Forces Day as "the perfect day" for launching the Pentagon Channel.

"Armed Forces Day is about recognizing the commitment and sacrifice of our men and women in the military, and we wanted to recognize them by giving them a new and improved tool that will provide them with the news and information they need," Barber said.

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Classmates show appreciation for a fellow JROTC student whose platoon won best drill of the year. Lance Cpl. John Cosentino/CVIC

## Depot hosts JROTC meet

BY LANCE CPL. JESS LEVENS  
Chevron staff

Approximately 1,900 Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps cadets from 12 San Diego area high schools gathered on Shepard Field here May 15 for the 58th Annual JROTC Joint Review.

"The purpose of the review is to recognize outstanding cadets," said retired Lt. Col. William Jackowski, director of military science, San Diego Unified School District. "We have several categories based on physical fitness, academics and other events."

The San Diego Unified School District JROTC programs have held this review aboard the Depot every year since the first review 58 years ago, according to Jackowski.

"MCRD has been great every year," said Jackowski. "The Marines welcome us and make us feel at home. It's really a good experience for the cadets."

Cadets received more than 100 awards, scholarships and trophies for marksmanship, drill, academic achievements and outstanding cadet. The awards were given at all levels of the program, according to Jackowski.

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Company B drill instructor finds himself torn between family and drill field.

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Once the last award was given, the cadets formed up on Shepard Field for the pass in review – the portion of the ceremony where the cadets march in front of the reviewing stand to recognize the guests of honor.

As Marine Band San Diego serenaded them, the cadets marched in the summer uniforms and the color guard wore chrome helmets, used only by JROTC.

Col. Paul C. Allen, assistant chief of staff G-3, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, was distinguished guest of honor, and the high-school principals were guests of honor.

“It is an honor to host their Annual Joint Review here,” said Capt. Eric Keck, Depot operations officer. “It allows the Marine Corps to demonstrate the professionalism and esprit de corps that makes our service stand out from the others. Some of the cadets are future recruits — some possibly because of the exposure to the Depot.”



JROTC cadets from the San Diego Unified School District stand in formation during the award ceremony. Lance Cpl. John Cosentino/CVIG

## Heritage aboard Depot represents national observance

BY CPL. SHAWN M. TOUSSAINT  
*Chevron staff*

This month America celebrates Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, recognizing the many contributions Asian Pacific Americans have made throughout U.S. history.

Today, Asian Pacific Americans continue to make contributions in every facet of American life, including military service.

Aboard the Depot, Marines of Asian and Pacific Island decent are valuable assets in defending the country and making Marines, according to Gunnery Sgt. Earl E. Cooley, Depot equal opportunity advisor.

One such Marine is Sgt. Keo Sengsavang, Depot force protection and martial arts instructor. Sengsavang is responsible for preparing Depot Marines to protect the base and the thousands of civilians who visit the Depot annually.

He immigrated to the United States from Laos in 1981 and became a U.S. citizen in 2002 while serving in the Marine Corps.

“I wanted to earn my citizenship,” said Sengsavang about his reason for joining the Corps.

Remembering how his family suffered under communist rule in Laos, Sengsavang felt obligated to give something back to America.

“A lot of people used to say, ‘How can you say you want to serve in the military? ... What has this country done for you? ... People here are racist.’ I would then say, this

country is not perfect, but everyone at least has a chance to make a difference,” said Sengsavang. “I would ask them, ‘What have you done to make a difference?’ I am a believer in equal rights for equal responsibility.”

The list of Asian Pacific Americans who make contributions aboard the depot does not end with Sengsavang. Capt. Young K. Park, series officer, Company E, oversees the training of 300 to 600 new recruits every three months. Cpl. Marvie V. Paje, printing specialist, Combat Visual Information Center, reproduces documents vital to the Marine Corps mission of recruiting and training. These are just a few of the Marines aboard the Depot whom Asian Pacific American Heritage Month recognizes.

For more information on Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, call Cooley at (619) 524-8730.

## New cable channel’s niche to concentrate military news

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Barber explained recent research showed that military members – both in the United States and overseas – felt that they had adequate access to general news and information, but not enough access to military news.

“The important thing about the Pentagon Channel is it’s information specifically geared to the military, and that’s what our audience is looking for, because it’s relevant, it’s credible and it’s important to their success.”

Barber also pointed out that the operational tempo across the services further demonstrated a need for DoD leaders to be able to talk directly to the military audience, and that expansion was especially important for Guard and Reserve members and their families, who are the most isolated from

DoD news and information.

In addition to 24-hour service, the Pentagon Channel is expanding its programming to include several new shows. “Around the Services” features news from each branch of the military. “Studio Five” showcases conversations with DoD leaders on a variety of topics, and “Focus on the Force” highlights military missions such as those in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“What we know to be true with our audience is that they needed more in-depth coverage of military news, so we structured programs to meet that need,” Barber said. “Studio Five” allows us to have an extended conversation with our military audience to explain such issues as pay and benefits or health issues. It will be an effective tool, because it tells the whole story from start to finish.”

Pentagon Channel programming also will include top-of-the-hour news updates, broadcasts of the flagship television news magazine programs from each of the services, and DoD news briefings from the Pentagon and around the world.

Down the road, Barber said efforts will focus on expanding content.

“We feel like distribution of the Pentagon Channel is where it should be,” she said. “But we will be working on providing more and different types of reporting. We’ll be setting up news bureaus around the world, and we’ll be embedding teams with the troops to get a first-hand look at their hard work.

“We’re going to be creative and proactive about finding new ways to communicate to our military audience.”

For more information, go to [www.pentagonchannel.mil](http://www.pentagonchannel.mil). For more American Forces Radio and Television information, visit [www.afrts.osd.mil](http://www.afrts.osd.mil).

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– ALLISON BARBER  
*Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Internal Communications*

The Pentagon Channel is available through cable or satellite providers. A video player for the programming, which includes Navy/Marine Corps News, is available on the channel’s Web site.



## Appreciate the good things in life, like your spouse

BY SGT. RYAN SMITH  
*Chevron staff*

Someone once told me that being a Marine is a 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week job. I believe it sometimes when those long hours at work seem to stretch endlessly into the night. Then not only is it spent inside an office, but out doing physical training, participating in field evolutions, or living on a ship out to sea or on a base thousands of miles from the homeland.

Oftentimes, we married service members forget those who work 24/7 with us. I am talking about the military spouse. Their efforts often go unnoticed and are rarely acknowledged. No one sees the time and effort each spouse puts into making sure his or her Marine is the best dressed and best organized. Their Marine becomes an extension of who they are. Taking on small tasks, such as ironing, washing uniforms and polishing boots helps them oversee quality control of the product they are putting out to the world on a daily basis.

Every night when I come home from work, a tired young woman greets me at the door with a smile and the question “How was work?”

I field this question on a nightly basis, but I should be asking how her day was.

The response to this can be simple and short or long and exasperating. The next few sentences she utters can either make or break an evening of happiness in the Smith household. She will start with a fairly in-depth description of what my 19-month-old attempted to do today that almost gave her a heart attack. Then the list begins: dishes, laundry, toys and dirt. Meanwhile the best I can come up with about my day is what I did for physical training and how much paper I pushed.

Sometimes I take for granted what my wife provides for me and the children: a clean house, sensible meals, morale boosts and the occasional night out. I appreciate these things, but I say nothing.

Throughout our life together we have faced many challenges including deployments, unaccompanied tours, child rearing, automotive crashes, wildfires ... The list continues to grow on a daily basis. I realize she deserves more praise and admiration than I can possibly give. Thousands of hugs and tons of flowers can’t measure up to one enormous “thanks” from the heart.

Next time you go home, don’t say anything. Sneak up behind your spouse, and surprise him or her with a warm hug and some appreciation for all they do.

### MILITARY ★ MARRIAGE

# A chaplain’s blessing

BY CMDR. CHUCK ROOTS  
*Chaplain, 1 Marine Expeditionary Force*

If my memory serves me correctly, it was in 1989 that I asked a Navy friend of mine to make a particular artistic creation for me.

This would be a gift for my wife, Isaura. This art form is known as marquetry, a process where strips of different colored wood is used as an inlay, usually on furniture.

My friend, Dale Klain, a retired Navy senior chief, does marquetry as a hobby. I asked him to make a wall plaque depicting an elderly couple from the back, holding hands and walking into what I envisioned as the final years of their lives together. It visually portrayed my sentiments about my wife, and the years I wished for us to have together. I gave it to her as a birthday gift.

Neither of us thinks of ourselves as being dowdy or elderly. Nevertheless, we are both past the half-century mark, with me leading her by four years.

Looking back over 28 years of being married to Isaura, it is safe to say that we have certainly been nomadic. In that time, we have made 12 major moves. By definition, a “major move” is when you relocate to another geographic region. We’ve made numerous moves within the same geographic location, but I’m not counting those.

The irony of all this is that Isaura and I are both homebodies. Yet, despite all the moving and uncertainties, particularly with the military, she has never once shirked from the adventure.

During my 20 years in the Navy chaplaincy, I have been required to travel or deploy to many different areas around the world. Often I was not able to take my family with me. During my nine years of active duty early in my Navy chaplain career, I was stationed aboard a supply ship, the USS White Plains. I spent 27 months on board as the command chaplain. The ship, stationed in Guam, was gone for 20 of those months. There were times when I missed my wife and daughters so much that I would sit in my stateroom and cry.

So, why did I allow myself to be away from those I loved so much? The answer is simple. If I was not absolutely certain that God had called me to military ministry, there is no way on Earth that I would have left my family like that. It was also critical that Isaura agree with the call of God on our lives. She would encourage me to continue to serve the Lord, because she believed in what God was doing through us. It’s not “my” ministry. It’s “our” ministry. We are called by God as a team.

I also had a standing agreement with Isaura and the girls, Laura and Jenny. If at any time they grew tired of the military life, especially with my being gone, all they would have to do is say, “Enough!” and I would have resigned.

This recent period of active duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom is no different. Isaura believes in my con-

tinued ministry to the men and women who wear the uniform of our country.

The kicker in this is the uncertainty associated with war. However, the strength of our marriage has been our faith in Jesus. We know we belong to Him. Nothing is going to happen to either of us that He does not allow. This frees me up to go wherever I’m needed, and it allows Isaura to let me go.

Isaura is also a woman of prayer. She truly believes what the Bible says about not being anxious about anything, but through prayer, she experiences God’s peace (Philippians 4:6).

For a married military man, the key to making it work is to have a wife – like Isaura – who has her priorities in order. Her commitments are to God first, which has a direct affect on her commitment to her marriage and family.

The most wonderful part of it all is Isaura loves me. Of all the men at San Jose State University who were interested in her at that time, she decided to walk into the future with me. This continues to be a source of wonder to me.

You see, I am blessed.



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**HITTING THE DIRT** PFC Travis J. Brollier high crawls over a mound during the Day Movement Course at Edson Range, Camp Pendleton, Calif. Grenade and artillery simulators echoed through the dust-filled air as Brollier and his fellow Company B Marines made their way through the course during Bravo Company's Crucible. *Staff Sgt. Jesse Lora/Chevron*

**ASYMCA hosts trip to Petco**

The San Diego Armed Services YMCA is hosting a trip to Petco Park May 31 for the San Diego Padres vs. the Colorado Rockies game. The cost of admission is \$17 per person. Transportation is free.

Anyone interested should sign up and pay in advance by May 28.

For more information, call (619) 232-9084.

**Musical performance and dinner at USO**

A musical ensemble will perform at the USO's weekly, free meal for active duty military and their dependents Tuesday. The free buffet-style meal begins at 6 p.m. and will feature homemade lasagna, garlic bread, salad, green beans and dessert. For more information or directions to the downtown USO, visit [www.usosandiego.org](http://www.usosandiego.org) or call Kate Juer-gens at (619) 235-6503.

**Memorial Day celebration**

Glen Abbey Memorial Park and Mortuary will hold a Memorial Day celebration May 31 beginning at 11 a.m. at the Little Chapel of the Roses, in Glen Abbey Memorial Park, 3838 Bonita Road, Bonita, Calif. All festivities are free. For more information, contact Dan Galligan (619) 498-4600.

**Dis needed at OCS**

There is currently a great need for drill instructors (male and female) at Officer Candidate School, Quantico, Va. Interested Marines must be qualified according to Marine Corps Order

P1326.6D. Requests should be forwarded to Headquarters Marine Corps MMEA-85.

This is a three-year tour with incentives, including special duty pay.

For more information, contact Gunnery Sgt. Archie, DI monitor, at DSN 278-9263 or (703) 784-9263.

**Scholarship opportunity**

The Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Museum Historical Society is taking applications for the Colonel Nate Smith Memorial College Scholarship.

Applicants must be active duty, enlisted Marines or sailors stationed aboard the Depot or Western Recruiting Region or their dependents.

Applications are available at the Historical Society office in Building 26. Deadline for submissions is June 1.

For more information, call Pat Hawkins at (619) 524-4426.

**Grants available to volunteer organizations**

Newman's Own, Fisher House and Military Times Media Group are sponsoring the Newman's Own Award for Military Community Excellence. Volunteer organizations are invited to compete for a share of \$50,000 in grants.

Anyone who is a part of a group striving to improve the quality of life for military personnel and their families can visit [www.fisherhouse.org](http://www.fisherhouse.org) and submit innovative plans or ideas. The submission deemed most outstanding will receive a \$10,000 grant. The remaining \$40,000 will be allocated to other organizations by the judges.

For more information, visit

[www.fisherhouse.org](http://www.fisherhouse.org) or call (888) 294-8560.

All entries must be received by June 1.

**Designated Driver volunteers needed**

The Designated Drivers Association is looking for volunteers.

Volunteers can meet new people, earn extra money in tips, and make a difference.

Drunk drivers kill almost 17,000 Americans and injure over 700,000 each year.

Volunteering for the Designated Drivers Association is a pro-active way to get involved in the community.

Volunteers must be at least 18 and have a valid driver's license and insurance. For more information, visit [www.ddasd.org](http://www.ddasd.org) or call (866) 373-7233.

**USMC Parents' Conference**

The first National USMC Parents' Conference, "Standing in the Gap," will take place July 30 through Aug. 1 in Indianapolis.

The purpose of the conference is to help parents of Marines know their roles in supporting their children through the Corps. For more information on the conference, call Cathy Schoon at (260) 636-3102 or contact her via e-mail at [schoon@ligtel.com](mailto:schoon@ligtel.com).

**Chosen Few banquet**

The Montford Point Marine Association San Diego Chapter – 12 will hold the Chosen Few Banquet Aug. 28 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the 32nd Street Naval Station.

For more information, contact Sam Bagwell at (619) 524-6865.

**Iraqi-culture classes available**

The Iraqi community of San Diego would like to show their appreciation to service members heading to Iraq.

The community is available to set up a question and answer session on the Iraqi culture and people for service members deploying to Iraq. For more information on the Iraqi Community of San Diego, contact Camille Al-Attia at (619) 417-3912 or via e-mail at [catallia@yahoo.com](mailto:catallia@yahoo.com).

**Band looking for Marines**

Marine Band San Diego is looking for Depot Marines to fill open musician billets in an on-the-job-training status with the goal of becoming a Marine musician.

Marines, private through sergeant, may audition for band assignments providing they receive permission from their sections.

An audition consists of performing a prepared selection, major and minor scales, and sight reading.

Typical experience of successful Marine musicians consists of four years in a high school band prior to enlisting, but it is not a requirement to audition.

Marine Band San Diego currently has vacancies for flute/piccolo, clarinet, saxophone, horn, trombone and guitar.

To set up an audition or receive more information, call Staff Sgt. Michael July at (619) 524-1754.

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# Prior-service recruiter wins recruiter of the year

BY SGT. TRENT RUNDELL  
9th Marine Corps District

Prior-Service Recruiting is not like regular recruiting. There is no catchy sales pitch or fancy commercials that make a prior-service Marine want to return to the ranks.

It depends almost solely on the recruiter.

Gunnery Sgt. Paul A. Posey is one of 14 PSR recruiters spread across 10 recruiting sites that cover the 9th Marine Corps Recruiting District. This 36-year-old leader of Marines is also the PSR Recruiter of the Year for 2003.

"I have been fortunate to work in every aspect of the Corps," said Posey. "I take this position with an emotional conviction, like a gunnery sergeant should. Not every aspect of PSR is cut and dried, there are many times where you have to dig into the system to make sure we are giving the best options, bonuses, and jobs to our prior service applicants."

"I enjoy bringing Marines back amongst the ranks. Since my first week as a PSR, I've felt that this was my call-

ing. The gratification of helping a Marine to fulfill his desire to continue his career has been overwhelming," said Posey.

As a prior service recruiter for the Kansas City site, Posey's specific recruiting statistics have been impressive. He achieved over 100 percent of his assigned mission of three contracts a month. He has completed 73 accessions over a 19-month period. Ninth District PSR averages about 2.72 per month. He achieved an MOS match rate of 93 percent, well above the national requirement of 75 percent. Posey believes in the importance of staying physically fit in order to portray a positive role model to applicants. Posey presents an outstanding military image and maintains a strict military dress code. He maintains his physical conditioning with a rigorous daily routine, which resulted in a score of 267 on his last physical fitness test.

A positive attitude and caring for his Marines is paramount to him.

"Gunny Posey has a great attitude that is filled with humor," said Gunnery Sgt. Tim Kirki, 9th District PSR

area staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge. "Posey is always willing to work the hours needed to take care of Marines and make mission. I've learned that Gunnery Sgt. Posey genuinely cares about the Marine Corps, the Marines that serve, and the ones that have served. Posey is my right-hand man when it comes to SNCOIC matters, and he is always willing to step up and help out."

Posey was born on April 12, 1967, Gary, Ind. He graduated from Lew Wallace High School in 1985, and on September 23, 1985, he entered boot camp at Marine Corps Recruiting Depot, San Diego, Calif. After graduating the Marine Corps School of Infantry, Posey was selected as a candidate for the Marine Security Guard and was transferred to Naval Weapons Station Charleston, in Charleston, S.C. Posey was then transferred to Camp Lejeune, N.C., where he



Gunnery Sgt. Paul A. Posey

served until October 1989 as an infantry squad leader. In December 1989, Posey joined the 6th Engineer Battalion in Gary, Ind., as a drilling reservist where he became a basic electrician and was promoted to sergeant. In February 2002, Posey decided it was time for change and he applied to become a prior service recruiter. Upon completion of Recruiting School at MCRD San Diego he joined the ranks of 9th District in Kansas City, Mo., summer 2002. January 1, 2003, Posey was promoted to gunnery sergeant.

"My success is measured by the love of my family and the admiration of my peers, not by the number of plaques (and) trophies that I've gathered," said Posey. "I have been blessed to be able to converse with many different people from different walks of life. I've also been blessed with a great wife, four wonderful daughters and my son."

## Marine's donated kilt starts journey; piper asked to lead town's Celtic Classic parade

BY JIMMY P. MILLER

With permission from The Express-Times (Pa.)

Each morning, a Marine from Detroit gets out of bed in Fallujah, Iraq, puts on a pair of trousers and plays the bagpipes for his unit.

The only thing out of place there is the pants.

But that's changing.

The Celtic Cultural Alliance on Thursday presented a desert camouflage kilt to Marines from the Marine Reserve Center in Allentown, Pa. The kilt will be shipped by the Pentagon to 1st Sgt. Dwayne Farr, who is stationed in the northern Iraqi city where American troops have been fiercely fighting insurgents in recent weeks.

The alliance, formerly known as Celtic Fest Inc., decided to help Farr after reading about him in an Associated Press story. Since then, Celtic Cultural Alliance Executive Director Micki Gorman has been in contact with Farr via e-mail every couple days.

"If I don't get an e-mail from him, I get worried," she said.

Since Farr's story appeared in The Express-Times April 22, support has been pouring in from across the Lehigh Valley, Gorman said.

"I did not realize at the time the outpouring of generosity that would come from the Lehigh Valley," Gorman said.

The kilt, made and donated by the Philadelphia-area company Amerikilt, retails for about \$150, according to Neville Gardner, owner of Donegal Square, a Celtic imports store on Bethlehem, Pa.'s, Main Street.

The alliance is also giving Farr a traditional Scottish kilt in U.S. Marine Corps tartan, which retails for about \$700, a sporran -- the purse that hangs over the front of a kilt -- and some belts and hose to complete the outfit. Gardner, the Celtic Cultural Alliance and several private donors teamed up to pay for the items, which along with the Amerikilt have a combined value of about \$1,200.

Everything but the camouflage kilt will be shipped to Farr's home in Detroit, Gorman said.

The alliance learned about Farr when the group's events manager, Heather McArthur, read about him on the Internet. In the story, 36-year-old Farr said he was looking for a desert camouflage kilt to wear during combat.

McArthur played in a pipe and drum band herself up until last year, so she thought it would be a good idea to help, she said.

Farr has been asked to lead the Celtic Classic parade this year in downtown Bethlehem, Gorman said. Celtic Classic, the Celtic Cultural Alliance's signature event, is three days of Celtic music, food, culture, education, vendors and beer in downtown Bethlehem every fall. It is scheduled for Sept. 24.

If Farr is not back in the United States in time for this year's parade, he will lead the 2005 parade, Gorman said.

"Our mission is to promote the Celtic culture, both in the Lehigh Valley and nationally," Gorman said.



Bethlehem, Pa., Mayor John Callahan (left) looks over an official Marine Corps tartan with Capt. Andrew Thompson of the Lehigh Valley Marine Reserve Center after Thompson received two kilts for 1st Sgt. Dwayne Farr who is stationed with the Marines in Fallujah. 1st Sgt. Farr plays bagpipes every morning for the Marines in his unit. Bill Adams/courtesy of the Express Times



Capt. Chester King, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, and Lt. Tom W. Mullen, Dental, battle for possession. The winning team headed to the final round of the Commanding General's Cup Basketball Tournament. Dental won and took second place in the tournament. Lance Cpl. Edward R. Guevara Jr./Chevron

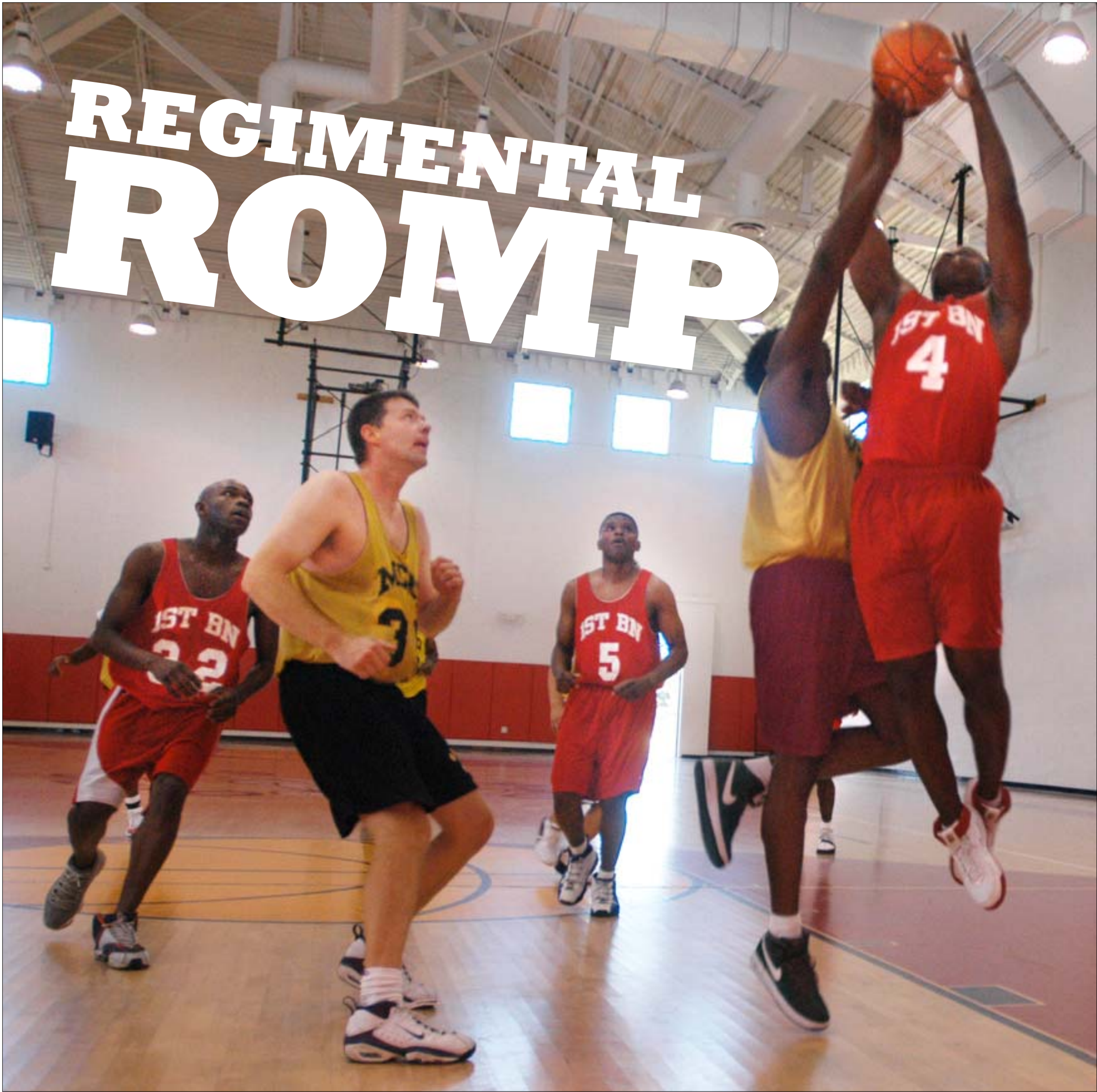


Seaman Keilin Hopkins-Bey of Dental looks toward the net after a foul shot from 1st Recruit Training Battalion. Hopkins-Bey was a key player in Dental's offense throughout the tournament. Lance Cpl. Edward R. Guevara Jr.



Capt. Chester King of 1st Recruit Training Battalion battles Seaman Theodore Castro of Dental for a jumpshot as his team tries to defend their chances of winning the tournament. Lance Cpl. Edward R. Guevara Jr.

Cpl. Dwayne Low, Lance Cpl. Ewell Thompson and Sgt. Justin Selleaze of Recruit Administration Branch watch their teammates work to take third place in the competition. Lance Cpl. Edward R. Guevara Jr.



# REGIMENTAL ROMP



(From left) Capt. John Black, 1st Sgt. Dathan C. Edwards, Lt. Col. Ronald M. Zich, Lt. Col. John Ewers, Staff Sgt. Donald Johnson, Staff Sgt. Phillip Allen, Staff Sgt. Todd R. Nelson, Staff Sgt. Harold Lucas, Capt. Jackson Doan, show their trophy from MCCS Semper Fit after winning the CG's Cup Basketball Tournament. Lance Cpl. Edward R. Guevara Jr.



Players from Recruit Administration Branch and 3rd Recruit Training Battalion jostle for a rebound in a semifinal game. Lance Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron

## RTR's star, force in numbers crowd CG's Cup competition

BY LANCE CPL. EDWARD R. GUEVARA JR.  
*Chevron staff*

3rd Recruit Training Battalion's Big Blue ousted all comers in the Commanding General's Cup Basketball Tournament after defeating Dental 46-39 in the championship game at the fieldhouse Tuesday.

Recruit Training Regiment represented three of six teams, including Big Blue. The other three, Dental, Coast Guard and 12th Marine Corps Recruiting District, battled to hold on for points in the CG's Cup.

To advance to the final game, Dental beat second-seeded 1st Recruit Training Battalion in

semifinal action.

"We were tired after playing three games," said Dental's Seaman Theodore Castro. "We hung in there though."

Dental's fatigue started showing in the second half of the final game as players steadily kept pace behind Big Blue. However, Dental gave up too many points off turnovers and foul points.

1st Sgt. Dathan C. Edwards led Big Blue in scoring with 20 points. Dental's Seamans Alondo R. Johnson and Keilin Hopkins-Bey often double-teamed Edwards. And on offense, Johnson and Hopkins-Bey seemed to sink three-pointers whenever they had the ball.

"I just hoped they hit the bottom of the net," said Hopkins-Bey. "I'll never give up until I hear that buzzer ring."

RTR's Recruit Administration Branch beat the cup's first-ranked team, Coast Guard, out of competition in the first round, and District fell in the first round to Dental by 20 points.

Between games, players took advantage of free food and drinks courtesy of Marine Corps Community Services Semper Fit.

"I'm glad they provide for us," said Castro.

The teams came out for more than CG's Cup points.

"My favorite part of the tournament was the camaraderie and fun of the game," Castro said. "It was good to see everyone come out to have fun."

Col. Mark Callihan, RTR commanding officer, attended the tournament to show his support for the event and his regiment's participation.



# delicate situation

*Balancing commitments to his family at home with his mission on the drill field became a matter of heart. Literally.*

BY LANCE CPL.  
EDWARD R. GUEVARA JR.  
*Chevron staff*

In his eyes, she is perfect. However, she was born five weeks early with holes in her heart. “Julia was in an incubator for the first five weeks of her life,” said Staff Sgt. Arnold J. Towle, senior drill instructor, Platoon 1063, Company B. “A heart specialist was monitoring to make sure her blood did not saturate her lungs.” Towle’s premature daughter was on medication for the first six months of her life to prevent her body from overworking to breathe.

With responsibilities at home and at work, Towle struggled to balance the two, both which he considered family. “He was torn,” said his wife, Rhonda A. Towle.

As Towle led his platoon through the Crucible at Camp Pendleton, Calif., he received disturbing news.

“I was on top of Range 501 when I got a call from my wife,” said Towle. “She said Julia had gone into heart failure. I ran a mile and a half in six minutes to get to my truck.”

He rushed to Naval Medical Center San Diego. Although he got there as fast as he could, Towle was not allowed to see his one-month-old daughter since she was already in the operating room. When he finally got to see his daughter, Towle was enraged because Julia still had tubes in her when she came out of the operating room. He felt it was a step backward in her progress.

“I couldn’t go because I had to watch Jayden,” his wife said of the couple’s unruly two-year-old son. “They said when he got there, he looked crazy. I think it was because he was dirty and nasty in his cammies and sleep deprived.”

The Farmington, N.H., native found himself trying to support his daughter without letting down his Marines and recruits taking on the Crucible.

“Nobody said he had to be there, but they needed the help and he wanted to help,” said his wife.

Towle’s leaders knew his daughter was having complications, so they gave him time off when they could—including three weeks when they were at Edson Range.

“I wanted to be there for my wife, but I didn’t want to let my team of drill instructors down,” he said. “They were already dealing with the stresses of the Crucible.”

According to Towle, most Marines in his situation would have gone to work somewhere else within the regiment, so they can have more time to deal with problems. That didn’t happen to Towle because he didn’t want to go. His company and drill instructors needed his help. Balancing both almost became too



Staff Sgt. Arnold J. Towle, senior drill instructor, Platoon 1063, Company B, had to adjust his work habits in recent months in order to care for his daughter, Julia, who was born with serious heart complications. Lance Cpl. Edward R. Guevara Jr./Chevron

much for him.

“I should have never gone up north, but I wanted to take care of both,” said Towle. “I believe in leading by example. I can’t tell my (drill instructors) and recruits to do something if I don’t do it.”

When Company B returned to the Depot, Towle took comfort in knowing the hospital was five minutes away if something happened to Julia.

Although this tested Towle’s abilities as a father, husband and Marine, it did not seem to rattle the bond between him and the Marines with whom he works.

“His commanding officer and first sergeant came to the (Neonatal Intensive

Care Unit) to make sure everything was OK,” his wife said. “The chaplain came by to see me as well. It’s nice to know other people are there to support us.”

There was not much the Marines could do, but they did what they could.

“We had to depend on friends,” said his wife. “That was new to us. We’ve never done that before.”

Julia is now doing well. On her own growth chart, she is a healthy baby. Compared to other babies, she looks like a newborn, according to Towle.

“She visits a heart specialist every three months to monitor the holes,” her parents said. The doctors are hoping the holes will

start to close on their own. If they do not, the doctors will need to perform surgery.

According to Towle, the entire ordeal has made him and his wife stronger.

“My wife and kids are the most important things in the world to me,” Towle said. “I would give or do anything I could for them.”

Towle tries to portray the importance of family and fellow Marines to his recruits.

“During core values time with the recruits, I tell them how the Marine Corps is one huge family with one big support system,” said Towle. “By becoming a Marine you just add onto your family.”

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him, Pina decided it was time for a change.

“Something finally hit me,” he said. “I decided not to live the same lifestyle anymore. I wanted to help people and serve my country. I decided to stop dreaming about the military and become the man I saw myself being.”

With a new outlook on the future, he joined the football team to improve his health and gain muscle. He began making healthier choices and cutting back on his eating.

“It was difficult the first few months, but I just kept with it and the hunger eventually went away,” he said.

By the end of football season he had lost 50 pounds, and he continued to push himself. During the off season, he kept training and added running laps into his routine.

“My brother Armando ran marathons in high school, so he sparked my interest in running as a way to lose weight,” he said. “He would run with me and show me techniques to improve my stride. I started running two laps a day, seven days a week. The more I ran, the better I got, so I would increase my distance.”

After each summer break, “I would go back to school and people did not recognize me,” he said. “That would motivate me and encourage me to keep training. Somehow, mentally I had made the switch. I used to quit all the time. But now, I just tell myself not to quit. You can’t quit on your dreams.”

Once he started seeing himself change into another person, both mentally and physically, he knew he could do whatever he put his mind to.

“I would challenge my body until I would drop and then get up and do it again day after day,” he said. “Marines challenge themselves to go past their limits, and I wanted to surround myself with people who thought the same way I was thinking.”

In his senior year, Pina told a friend who had joined the Marine Corps that he wanted to become a Marine. The next thing he



Pvt. William E. Villeda, who once weighed 300 pounds, lost the weight and joined Company A recently after some Marine physical conditioning. Another recruit from Villeda’s recruiting station, Gabriel A. Pina, lost 300 pounds to be a Marine but suffered injuries that prevented him from continuing boot camp. Staff Sgt. Scott Dunn/Chevron

knew, he was standing in front of a recruiter. The recruiter told him he had to drop 60 more pounds before he could join, but Pina wouldn’t let the news discourage him. He pushed himself even harder toward the new goal.

“I went to the poolee functions and continued training. By the time I was ready to enlist, I was running 20 to 24 laps every day, and I weighed 200 pounds,” Pina said.

After standing on a scale, he made weight worthy to stand on the Depot’s yellow footprints.

Unfortunately, a few weeks into boot camp, Pina’s determination to be a Marine was stopped short after he suffered an injury that ended his training. However, his commitment shows desired traits of a Marine, and once he recovers from his injuries, he can return to finish the job.

According to the Marine recruiters, Pina is exactly the type of individual they look for when bringing someone into their brotherhood.

“He was highly motivated in achieving his goals,” said Gunner Sgt. Steven Rubio, RS Los Angeles pool coordinator. “He was determined to be a Marine at all costs ... We are proud to have him with us.”

While Pina’s journey has halted, Villeda’s is just beginning.

Like Pina, Villeda’s journey has been long and arduous. A native of El Salvador who grew up in Culver City, Calif., Villeda weighed 300 pounds a year ago.

“I have wanted to become a Marine since I was a child,” Villeda said. “I saw the Silent Drill Platoon one night on television and knew I wanted to join the Marine Corps.”

Villeda grew up with an unhealthy lifestyle, participating in little physical activity and only occasionally playing sports.

“I loved my mother’s cooking, and I ate a lot of snacks between meals,” he said. “I knew I needed to make healthier decisions because 60 percent of my family is diabetic.”

Villeda took the first step

toward joining the Corps the day he became a naturalized American citizen. He learned what it would take to realize his dreams.

“The recruiter told me I could not start recruit training until I lost about 150 pounds,” he said. “I was somewhat disappointed, but I wasn’t going to be discouraged.”

Villeda made drastic changes to his lifestyle. He changed his eating habits, ran everyday and went to the gym twice a week.

The recruiters from Recruiting Substation Culver City, Calif., encouraged Villeda along his way, working out with him to get him ready for the rigors of recruit training.

However, once aboard the Depot, Villeda failed the initial strength test. He was placed in Physical Conditioning Platoon.

“During the three weeks I was in PCP, I would go to the gym, run 1.5 miles, work on pull-ups and crunches every Monday, Wednesday and Friday,” he said. “Tuesdays and Thursdays we would just go to the gym, and I

would work on upper body.”

According to Villeda, his dedication and hard work has paid off.

“Before, I could run 1.5 miles in 12:40. Now I run it in 11:50. I was doing 30 crunches, and now I am doing 47. I was not able to do one pull up, but now I am doing two and sometimes three.”

May 7, Villeda picked up with his new platoon and started recruit training.

“I am not scared,” he said moments before officially beginning the training cycle. “I am prepared for the drill instructors to yell at me and say things I will not like. I was made fun of a lot while I was young, so I am ready for the drill instructors to yell at me.”

Although these young men have yet to claim the title Marine, their journeys thus far are testaments to the strong character of individuals the Marine Corps attracts. And if they are to pin on the eagle, globe and anchor, it will be the result of their ongoing commitment to the Marine Corps way of life.

## Brought closer by Corps, torn by war, band of cousins joined band of brothers

Cousins, from pg. 1

As high-school graduation neared, Martin and Moises sought out their local Marine recruiter. They planned to enlist through a buddy program, but there was a problem.

“Moises was good to go, but there was a problem with my transcripts,” said Martin. “I was home-schooled, so I didn’t have the usual paperwork.”

Moises joined as an infantryman while Martin stayed back to organize his paperwork. When Moises returned from recruit training, Martin was ready to go.

“Moises actually got recruiting points because I joined when he was home on leave,” said Martin. “I’m a big reason he got promoted to (private first class). We always helped each other out however we could.”

Moises joined Infantry Training Battalion and Martin began recruit training here nearly 13 weeks ago with Platoon 1065, Company B.

“Even though we were separated, I felt closer than I’ve ever felt to him,” said Martin. “We were more than cousins or best friends. We were brothers in arms.”

While Martin continued to pursue the title Marine, Moises deployed to Iraq to do his part in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

“We were up north at Edson Range when I was called

in to see the company commander,” recalled Martin. “My family passed a Red Cross message. Moises was killed in combat. I didn’t get any details. I just know that on April 6, my best friend died.”

Actually, Moises died April 5 while serving with 2nd Bn., 4th Marines, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif. He was killed in the province of Al Anbar, Iraq, during a firefight, according to a U.S. Department of Defense news release.

“He was devastated when he got the news,” said Staff Sgt. John Maciel, Martin’s senior drill instructor. “But his desire to become a Marine never wavered.”

Co. B leaders granted Martin emergency leave for Moises’ funeral. He returned to recruit training just in time for the Crucible, the most challenging training evolution in the cycle.

“When he came back from the funeral, the platoon gave him a welcome-back card,” said Maciel. “He seemed more focused after that.”

“I was really down before I went home for the funeral,” said Martin. “I was so sad. But after I spent four days at home and went to Moises’ funeral, I came back motivated. I don’t take freedom for granted, and I want to ensure the next generations have the free-



Pvt. Martin Langhorst

dom I’ve had, the freedom I’m ready to fight for ... the freedom Moises died for.”

The pain of losing someone so close and dear is hard, according to Martin. The void in his life is there, but it’s been partially filled by his fellow platoon members and anyone else who wears the eagle, globe and anchor.

“To get through something like this while in recruit training shows that he has a lot of heart,” said Maciel. “His potential is unlimited in or out of the Marine Corps.”

Martin graduates today, with one goal in mind: go to Iraq and fight.

“It’s not even about revenge or anything like that,” said Martin. “It’s the right thing to do. I support this country, and I’m ready to die if I have to.”

Now able to defend freedom, Martin will spend 10 days with his family and friends in Kettle River. With a population of 168 people and no gas station or grocery store, the town is relatively unknown. However, it is home to some good hunting, and The Humblers – probably the only punk band in town history.



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Senior Drill Instructor  
Staff Sgt. J. P. Maciel  
Drill Instructors  
Staff Sgt. R. Barba  
Sgt. R. Aguilar  
  
PFC R. J. Baltz

Pvt. T. J. Meinert  
Pvt. F. M. Mercado  
Pvt. P. N. Monsalvo  
PFC J. Morales  
PFC D. R. Moreland  
Pvt. M. J. Morentin  
Pvt. M. L. Ortiz  
Pvt. M. A. Ortiz  
Pvt. J. D. Perry  
Pvt. C. O. Peters  
Pvt. E. Ramirez  
Pvt. R. H. Rewolinski  
PFC E. E. Rodriguez  
\*PFC J. L. Russell  
Pvt. A. J. Sablan  
Pvt. O. E. Salik  
Pvt. G. A. Sanders  
PFC A. D. Schocken  
PFC J. M. Searles  
PFC D. E. Sherwin  
PFC B. C. Show  
PFC A. J. Silva  
Pvt. J. J. Sinovich  
Pvt. A. D. Smith  
Pvt. J. D. Smock  
Pvt. L. B. Spurlock  
Pvt. N. D. Stanton  
Pvt. M. C. Stark  
\*PFC N. P. Streeter  
Pvt. B. J. Sullivan  
PFC C. L. Taylor  
PFC S. E. Thomason  
PFC M. P. Thompson  
PFC I. R. Thornton  
PFC C. C. Turner  
Pvt. M. C. Valdez  
\*PFC J. M. Wallace

Pvt. C. A. Wilson  
\*PFC J. T. Wood  
Pvt. D. M. Yim  
PFC E. A. Young  
PFC T. R. Young  
PFC G. A. Zamora

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Drill Instructors  
Staff Sgt. R. D. Paz  
Staff Sgt. J. E. Schneeweis  
Staff Sgt. S. M. Strum  
Sgt. N. R. Nofziger

Pvt. D. W. Faterkowski  
PFC M. L. Ginther  
PFC T. J. Maloney  
PFC B. L. Marlow  
Pvt. R. Martinez  
Pvt. J. M. McLellan  
PFC S. D. Monesmith  
Pvt. R. D. Moore  
Pvt. S. M. Needham  
Pvt. N. E. Orantes  
PFC R. F. Osterman  
Pvt. M. P. Oudbier  
PFC C. B. Parsons  
PFC J. J. Perry  
Pvt. D. M. Personius  
PFC B. E. Pickering  
PFC J. T. Pinka  
\*PFC P. L. Ponce  
Pvt. M. A. Pool  
PFC M. C. Powell  
PFC M. C. Preston

\*PFC S. T. Richardson  
Pvt. J. J. Rieger  
Pvt. J. R. Roby  
Pvt. C. B. Rodriguez  
PFC C. Rojascastaneda  
\*Lcpl J. L. Rylant  
PFC V. M. Salerno  
PFC D. I. Sanchez Ramirez  
Pvt. S. E. Sander  
Pvt. D. M. Scott  
PFC D. R. Sevieri  
PFC C. C. Shaddle  
PFC J. D. Siegler  
Pvt. J. R. Smith  
Pvt. J. Sotelo  
Pvt. D. D. Stokes  
Pvt. G. R. Stutesman  
PFC L. K. Tipton  
PFC M. L. Tuchfield  
PFC T. D. Underwood  
PFC B. D. Vail  
PFC J. T. Vazquez De Rodri-  
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PFC M. C. Walker  
PFC M. J. Wargo  
Pvt. J. R. Weber  
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Pvt. I. L. Wilson  
Pvt. D. W. Wright  
Pvt. P. T. Youngblut  
Pvt. J. F. Zavala  
Pvt. K. F. Ziemlo  
PFC J. S. Zink  
Pvt. J. D. Zwirn

\*Meritorious promotion



Pvt. Jose F. Mandujano, Platoon 1062, Company B, pulls his weight in the pull-up event of his company's final physical fitness test. Recruits must complete three pull-ups to pass. Lance Cpl. Edward R. Guevara Jr./Chevron



**Maj. Gen. Jon A. Gallinetti**  
PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

Maj. Gen. Jon A. Gallinetti currently serves as commander, Marine Corps Air Bases Western Area and commanding general, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif.

He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps in June 1972 upon graduation from Fresno State University.

Following graduation from The Basic School in February 1973, promotion to first lieutenant in June 1974, and designation as a naval aviator in November 1974, he completed conversion training in the A-4M Skyhawk in July 1975. He was assigned to VMA-223 at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz. During this tour, he attended Aircraft Maintenance Officer School and deployed to Marine Air Group-12, MCAS Iwakuni, Japan.

In August 1977, after promotion to captain, he returned from the Western Pacific and was transferred to VMA-211



PFC Travis J. Brolier high crawls through a pipe during the Day Movement Course at Edson Range, Camp Pendleton, Calif. Grenade and artillery simulators echoed through the dust-filled air as Brolier and his fellow Company B recruits made their way through the course during Bravo Company's Crucible. Staff Sgt. Jesse Lora/Chevron

## COMPANY CURIOSITIES Here's how men from Bravo Company answered Chevron's random questions about their boot camp experiences:

**Q: What will you do first when you get home?**



**PFC Josiah Magnusson**  
East Lansing, Mich.

**A:** Eat a lot and watch movies.

**Q: What was the scariest part of recruit training?**



**PFC Justin B. Neel**  
Little Rock

**A:** The unknown aspect — not knowing what is coming up next.

**Q: What was your worst civilian job?**



**Pvt. Brian Sitter**  
Rockford, Ill.

**A:** Corn detasseling — because all you do is walk up and down rows of corn, pulling tassels off the top.

**Q: What is your favorite sports team?**



**PFC Mario Saavedra**  
Los Angeles

**A:** Los Angeles Lakers.

**Q: Do you have a significant other?**



**Pvt. Keith H. McNeely**  
Sauk City, Wis.

**A:** I had a girlfriend when I left but I haven't got a letter in a while, so it's not looking good.

fighter attack squadron in the Corps, located at MCAS El Toro. He was subsequently transferred to 3rd Marine Air Wing in February 1993, where he served as assistant chief of staff, G-1, and then as deputy assistant chief of staff, training and operations. He was promoted to colonel during this period.

From July 1994 through June 1996, Gallinetti was commanding officer of MAG-12, 1st MAW, MCAS Iwakuni. He flew the F/A-18A/C/D Hornet, AV-8B Harrier, and the EA-6B Prowler aircraft during this tour.

In August 1996, he was assigned to the U.S. Atlantic Command in Norfolk, Va., and served as chief of the Peacetime Engagement Division, J5 Plans and Policy Directorate. He was responsible for planning NATO Partnership for Peace exercises and establishing contacts with military members of the former Soviet Union. He became the director of the U.S. Atlantic Command J9 Directorate responsible for joint experimentation within the Department of Defense in April 1998, which resulted in the stand-up of the organization, along with planning for numerous experiments over the next five year period.

From July 1999 through July 2001, Gallinetti served as deputy commander of Marine Forces Reserve, New Orleans, La. In August 2001, he assumed duties as assistant wing commander, 2nd MAW. During this tour, he served as commanding general of the XMEB for Joint Experiment Millennium Challenge - 02.

Gallinetti assumed command of Marine Corps Air Bases Western Area in June 2002, and assumed the duty of chief of staff, Combined Joint Task Force Seven, Iraq, from September 2003 until April 2004. He was promoted to his present rank in January 2004.

Gallinetti's personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, three National Defense Service Medals and five Sea Service Deployment ribbons. He has accumulated over 5,000 accident-free flight hours during his career flying several types of tactical jet aircraft.



PFCs Austin D. Kemp and Jose F. Mandujano carry out a mock mission during the Crucible. The recruits made their way across a city sewage while avoiding an artillery barrage to deliver ammo to fellow Marines. Staff Sgt. Jesse Lora/Chevron





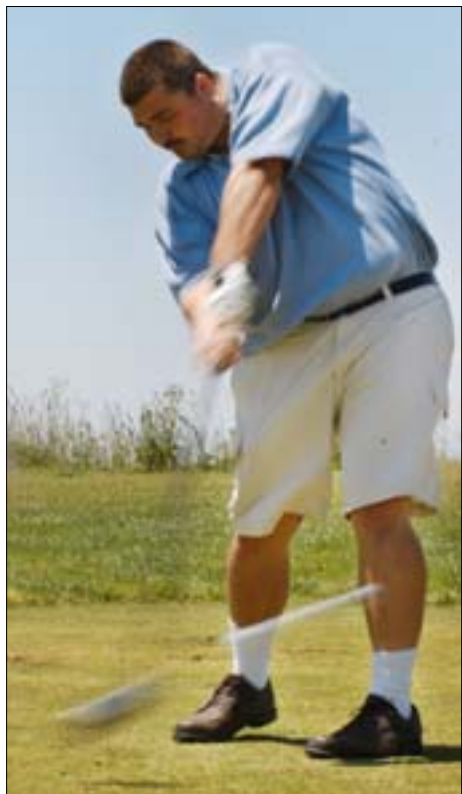
Russell Calde practices his backswing before heading into the back nine holes at the 12th Annual MCRD/MCCS Golf Tournament at Auld Course in Chula Vista, Calif., Wednesday. The tournament helped raise funds for MCCS and the Marine Corps Birthday Ball.

# FORE THE GREEN

## *MCCS puts the tee in fundraising with golf tourney*

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
LANCE CPL. JESS LEVENS  
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The weather was perfect, as Marines, sailors and civilians inhabited the Auld Course in Chula Vista, Calif., to play in the 12th Annual MCRD/MCCS Golf Tournament Wednesday to raise money for Marine Corps Community Services



Joe Green tees off on a par four hole at the MCRD/MCCS Golf Tournament Wednesday.

and the 2004 Marine Corps Ball.

"The beneficiaries of this tournament are MCCS and the Depot," said Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton, Jr., commanding general, MCRD San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region. "Most of the money raised is for this year's ball."

Every hole on the course was sponsored by a different company, most of which were beverage companies offering free samples to all 152 golfers throughout the day.

The teams of four kicked off the 18-hole tournament at 8 a.m.

"This was a good day," said Gunnery Sgt. Fabian Sosa, gunnery sergeant, Ser-

vice Company. "There were plenty of drinks ... All in all, it was a good time."

Many of the players were Depot Marines and sailors, but others were retired Marines, civilian employees and contributors to the Depot.

"It was great to have everyone come out here and show their support," said Paxton. "It's a beautiful day for golf, and we have some good players here. I'm my team's handicap."

After all the teams made their way from the course, the players gathered at the clubhouse for lunch and the much-anticipated awards ceremony and raffle-drawing. Prizes for the raffle included bags, watches, shirts, coolers and

more. The awards were metal Marine Corps emblems on wooden bases.

The first place team finished with a score of 56, and consisted of Jim Arreola, Larry Jones, Dave Robbins and Curtis Tomzak. A less prestigious award given was the Duffer Award, which was designated for the worst team. The shameful award was given to Glenn Aquino, Louis Moret, Tim Sutton and Tony Ontiveros.

The golfers departed after the ceremony and many had long drives ahead of them. Three golfers drove from Yuma, Ariz., to compete.

Despite some terrible slices and outright misses, the event was a hole-in-one, according to Paxton.



Event organizers presented eagle, globe and anchor trophies to first, second and third place finishers and individual statistic leaders.



Depot Commanding General Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr., lines up his putt on the second green.